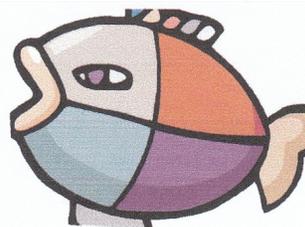


Let's get together

**Thursday, Echolink node 286905
at 7:30 p.m**

Friday, 3.812 at 8:30 a.m.

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Spring 2017 Newsletter

From the President

Greetings MINOWs!

As I got ready to type this ultimate article for the MINOW Newsletter, I realized that I felt sad. Yes, I felt glum about leaving a position that I never really wanted. Belonging to the MINOWs is something to which I have been able to anchor myself. Everything in my ham radio world was changing (in part by my doing); my friends, groups, and the people with whom I spent the most time conversing.

At that time, my antennae required major assistance. When I was married my OM acted as my hands but when we divorced there went my "hands." Luckily, Barbara, AC7UH, and Margaret, AE7MB, have OMs who are not only helpful but extremely giving of their time. Bob, WA6NFJ, and Phil, AB7RW, got me back on the air and Pete, W7PR, did the final tweaking of my tri-band antenna. After 11 or 12 years of silence from KJ7BI I can now talk as much as I like! Most of the people, however, had changed; circumstances, the aging process, even death had taken away most of my HF pals. My life, too, had changed over the past

decade. Because of the MS and my increased activity level, I find myself going to bed around 7 PM. I could no longer participate in the HF and repeater nets with which I had been involved, most of which begin at 1:00 UTC or 2:00 UTC. Because of overt changes in my brain, I get extremely confused, then flustered. I forget information. The list goes on and on... But I always enjoyed the annual MINOW get-togethers.

Suddenly I found myself on the ballot running for President! And it's true, SUDDENLY I was running for President against no one. Krikey, how the heck did that happen?

The past two years have been genuinely kind to me. I was able to handle everything that was thrown my way. For the MINOWs' sake, I hope that I always acted as a club president should (in my mind): I tried to create an environment that is fair and a fun experience for all members involved.

On a final note, I promise to help the incoming President with anything, if she requires assistance.

Robin, KJ7BI

Annual Meeting

SATURDAY May 6th

1:30 pm

The business meeting will be held at:

The meeting will include both

A Silent Auction

&

A Gift Exchange

Please keep purchases at, or below \$15.

Dinner will be at 5:00pm at

The Peachtree Restaurant & Pie House

6600 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA 98665

Please R.S.V.P. Robin by April 25th!

Directions to Peachtree Restaurant

Directions for those traveling SOUTH on I-5

Take exit 4 (78th Ave) Keep left at the fork in the ramp . 0.33 miles

Turn slight left under overpass onto NE 78th St. 0.04 miles

Turn right onto NE Highway 99 (first stop light) . 0.12 miles

Turn right into Peachtree parking lot. 1.21 miles

Directions for those traveling NORTH on I-5

Take exit 3 (NE Highway 99) .

Merge onto NE Highway 99. 0.37 miles

Turn left into Peachtree parking lot. 0.72 miles

Directions for those traveling NORTH on I-205 from Oregon

Cross Glenn Jackson bridge

Take exit 27 (WA-State Route 14) toward Vancouver/Camas (first exit
after crossing bridge)

Merge onto State Route 14 W toward City Center 0.25 miles

Merge onto I-5 North 5.98 miles

Take exit 3 (NE Highway 99) . 2.49 miles

Merge onto NE Highway 99. 0.37 miles

Turn left into Peachtree parking lot. 0.72 miles

Member News

Emily, WA6YL, writes:

Just had my 72nd birthday in February.

My husband and I spent four days painting our house. It was quite an undertaking for two senior citizens!

California has had its share of rain in 2017. Can't wait for Spring.

33, Emily

Rose, KL7FQQ, writes:

I am leaving Texas on the 15th of March, on my way back to Fairbanks. I should be there until sometime in October. I wish I could talk to some of the MINOWs from Alaska.

Hope everyone has a good summer.

Rose

Marilyn, AF7BI, writes:

Happy Spring MINOW Ladies. We had such a cold, rainy, snowy and icy winter this year. But I think it's going to be warming up soon and I sure look forward to it after our very stormy winter. This winter put getting our tower up on hold, and we still don't have it up. I was hoping it would be up by last Nov. With the weather not cooperating and then vacations for the tower team leader and then us, it didn't happen. But now that my OM and I are back from our vacation we should be able to get it up. In fact the OM that is heading up the team has been talking to my OM. So it's only a matter of time now.

I'm working on getting back in the habit of the nets again. We were gone three weeks and it seems that when I am gone and don't go on them for a few while it takes me time to get back into the habit. I'm in that process now. You'll all hear me back on soon.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the MINOW Convention this year. I do hope some of you that haven't been able to make it are able to this year. It is a fun convention to come to.

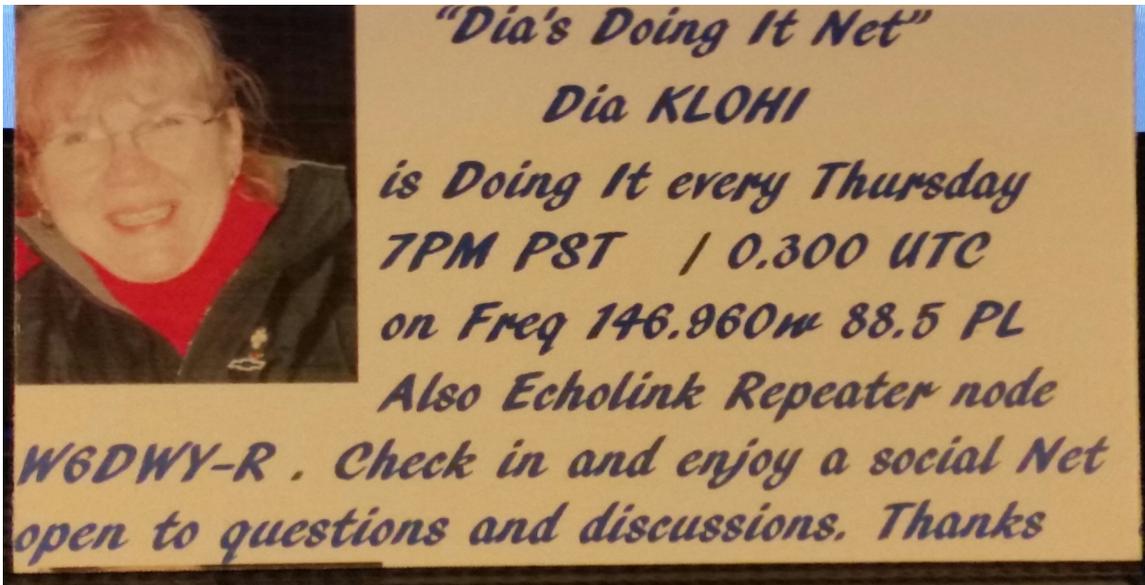
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

Claudia, KLOHI, writes:

Hello MINOWS.....Hope everyone is ready for some sunny and warm days...Been a wet, cold winter here in Brookings. We even had some snow YUK....Has been one Ham Radio winter, 20 m was not good at all. And then there is Echolink which is very readable no matter how the air ways are...

Our radio club PBARC (Pelican Bay ARC) holds a Directed Net every Tuesday but only have from 7- to 7:15 to check in 50 members plus visitors etc, if someone wants to ask question or discuss anything going on in Brookings there is no time,so I thought maybe I can start my own Social Net where any Ham checking in on our 2 meter frequency can visit if wanted etc, Also you can check in on Echolink Repeater Node W6DWY-R. I call it "Dias Doing It Net" and I do it every Thursday at 7PM PST / 0:300 UTC Stop in say hello.....just half hour before the MINOW Net on Echolink Conference Node ALARA at 7:30.PM Stop and visit both.....

73 KLOHI



Margaret, AE7MB, writes:

I am so ready for spring to arrive. As Marilyn said we've had a nasty winter. For me that includes breaking my ankle when I slipped on some snow covered ice. I'm better now.

Barbara, AC7UH, and I gave our eleventh "YL Tech Class" in March. Linda, AA6MR was also on the teaching team.

I've been keeping myself busy with quilting and sewing projects and getting outside to walk when the weather allows.

Margaret

Dues Are Due May 1

Dues are due on May 1 of each year and delinquent on June 1 of that year.

The following members have not paid their 2018 dues:

AB7PS	Sara Lyon
KA6SOC	Sue Ludemann
KA7SKY	Connie (Skye) Surges
KC7YTD	Linda L. Sutton
WA6YL	Emily C. Wolfe
WA7TLL	Marion Dixon

If your name is on the list, please send \$1 to

Margaret Hardwick
MINOW Secretary-Treasurer

If your records disagree with mine, please contact me
and I will research the issue.



Welcome New Members

Connie (Skye), KA7SKY

Skye is active on the MINOW nets as well as other amateur radio activities.

Below is her information for your MINOW NET Directory

2017 MINOW BALLOT

Please mark your choice with an “X” and return by **April 15th** to:

Barbara Yasson

President _____ Vanessa, KE7UBB
 _____ write in

Vice President _____ Marilyn, AF7BI
 _____ write in

Secretary-Treasurer _____ Margaret, AE7MB (Incumbent)
 _____ write in

Please note that only Active members living in one of the five MINOW states (Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, or Washington) or Charter members are allowed to vote.

If you are receiving this newsletter via e-mail, there will be an attachment to the e-mail that has this form in a “fill-in” format. Please send that ballot to Barbara at one of the addresses above.

If you are receiving this newsletter via USPS, then please mark you ballot and send it to Barbara.